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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	4	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50(25)	= \$ 0
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Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on January 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.